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CLAIMS

The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

1	1. A method for enabling a purchase of a product or service, comprising:
2	receiving an indication of at least one of a product category including at least
3	two products or a service category including at least two services;
4	selecting one of said at least two products or said at least two services;
5	providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two products or said
6	at least two services; and
7	arranging for a benefit to be provided based on a purchase of said selected one
8	of said at least two products or said at least two services.
1	2. The method of claim 1, wherein said indication of said selected one of said at
2	least two products or said at least two services is provided to at least one of the following:
3	a customer;
4	a customer device;
5	a retailer;
6	a retailer device;
7	a seller;
8	a seller device; or
9	a controller.
1	3. The method of claim 1, wherein said indication of said selected one of said at
2	least two products or said at least two services is provided by at least one of the following:
3	a customer;
1	d customer device:

a retailer;

a retailer device;

7	a seller;
8	a seller device; or
9	a controller.
1	4. The method of claim 1, wherein said indication of a product category including
2	at least two products or a service category including at least two services is received by at least
3	one of the following:
4	a customer;
5	a customer device;
6	a retailer;
7	a retailer device;
8	a seller;
1/9	a seller device; or
10	a controller.
1	5. The method of claim 1, wherein said indication of a product category including
2	at least two products or a service category including at least two services is received from at
3	least one of the following:
4	a customer;
5	a customer device;
6	a retailer;
7	a retailer device;
8	a seller;
9	a seller device; or
10	a controller.
1	6. The method of claim 1, wherein said selecting one of said at least two products or said
2	at least two services is completed by at least one of the following:
3	a customer;
4	a customer device;
5	a retailer;
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a retailer device;
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                             a seller;
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                             a seller device; or
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                     The method of claim 1, further comprising:
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                            providing an indication of said benefit.
                     The method of claim 7, wherein said indication of said benefit is provided to at
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     least one of the following:
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                            a customer;
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                             a retailer device;
                            a seller;
                             a seller device; or
                             a controller.
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                     The method of claim 7, wherein said indication of said benefit is provided by at
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                            a seller;
                            a seller device; or
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                            a controller.
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            The method of claim 1, further comprising:
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                            receiving an indication of a purchase of said selected one of said at least
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                    two products or said at least two services.
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1	11.	The method of claim 10, wherein said indication of a purchase is received from at least
2	one of	the following:
3		a customer;
4		a customer device;
5		a retailer;
6		a retailer device;
7		a seller;
8		a seller device; or
9		a controller.
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1	loost o	12. The method of claim 10, wherein said indication of a purchase is received by at
2	least of	ne of the following: a customer;
3		a customer device;
$V_{i,k}^{i}$		a retailer;
λ_{n}^{e}		a retailer device;
7		a seller;
8		a seller device; or
9		a controller.
1	13.	The method of claim 1, further comprising at least one of the following:
2		receiving a customer identifier;
3		determining a customer identifier;
4		determining a payment identifier;
1		14. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2		receiving a payment identifier.
1	15.	The method of claim 14, wherein said payment identifier is a customer identifier.
1	16.	The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2	- - •	imposing a penalty if said selected one of said at least two products or
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3	said at least two services is not purchased.
1	17. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2	receiving an indication of a retailer category, said retailer category
3	including at least two retailers.
1	18. The method of claim 17, further comprising:
2	selecting one of said at least two retailers; and
3	providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two retailers.
1	19. The method of claim 18, further comprising:
2	determining if said selected one of said at least two products or said at
3	least two services has been purchased at said selected one of said at least two
4	retailers.
pr	20. The method of claim 19, wherein said providing an indication of a benefit occurs
\mathcal{J}_2	only if said selected one of said at least two products or at least two services has been purchased
3	at said selected one of said at least two retailers.
1	21. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2	providing a benefit based on a purchase of said selected one of said at
3	least two products or said at least two services.
1	22. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2	providing an indication of a penalty if said selected one of said at least
3	two products of at least two services is not purchased.
1	23. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2	arranging for a penalty to be imposed if said selected one of said at least
3	two products or said at least two services is not purchased.
,	two products of said at least two services is not purchased.
1	24. The method of claim 1, further comprising at least one of the following:
2	providing a list of at least one product category; and
3	providing a list of at least one service category.

1	25.	The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2		providing an indication of a price for said selected one of said at least
3		two products or at least two services.
1	26.	The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2	20.	determining a price for said selected one of said at least two products or
2.	\	at least two services.
<i>b</i> /	XV	at least two services.
	y 27.	The method of claim 1/, further comprising:
2	y	determining a condition of purchase for said selected one of said at least
3		two products or at least two services.
1	28. The m	nethod of claim 27, further comprising:
2	20. 1110 11	providing an indication of said condition of purchase of said selected one
3		of said at least two products or at least two services.
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1	29.	A method for enabling a purchase of a product or service, comprising:
2	· P	receiving an indication at least one of a product category including at least two
3	produ	cts or a service category including at least two services;
4		selecting one of said at least two products or said at least two services;
, 5		providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two products or said
6	at leas	st two services; and
7		providing an indication of a benefit based on a purchase of said selected one of
8	said a	t least two products or said at least two services.
Lad	70 Thom	nethod of claim 29, wherein said indication of said selected one of said at least two
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2 (products or sa	aid at least two services is provided to at least one of the following:
3/		a customer,
/ 4		a customer device;
5		a retailer;
6		a retailer device;
7		a seller;

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                              a controller.
              The method of claim 29, wherein said selecting one of said at least two products or said
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      at least two services is completed by at least one of the following:
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                              a retailer device;
                              a seller;
                              a seller device; or
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                      The method of claim 29, wherein said indication of a benefit is provided to at
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                      The method of claim 29, wherein said indication of a benefit is provided by at
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      least one of the following:
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                             a customer device;
                              a retailer;
                              a retailer device;
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                              a seller;
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8		a seller device; or
9		a controller.
1	37.	A method for enabling a purchase of a product or service, comprising:
2		receiving an indication at least one of a product category including at
3		least two products or a service category including at least two services;
4		selecting one of said at least two products or said at least two services;
5		providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two products
6		or said at least two services;
7		determining if said selected one of said at least two products or said at
8		least two services has been purchased; and
9		providing an indication of a benefit if said selected one of said at least
10		two products or said at least two services has been purchased.
1	38.	A method for enabling a purchase of a product or service, comprising:
2		receiving an indication of at least one of a product category including at
3		least two products or a service category including at least two services;
4		selecting one of said at least two products or said at least two services;
5		providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two products
6		or said at least two services;
7		determining if said selected one of said at least two products or said at
8		least two services has been purchased; and
9		arranging for a benefit to be provided based on a purchase of said
10		selected one of said at least two products or said at least two services.
1	39.	A method for enabling a purchase of a product, comprising:
2		receiving an indication of a product category, said product category
3		including at least two products;
4		selecting one of said at least two products;
5		providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two products;
6		and

7		providing an indication of a benefit based on a purchase of said selected
8		one of said at least two products.
1	40.	A method for enabling a purchase of a product, comprising:
2		receiving an indication of a product category, said product category
3		including at least two products;
4		selecting one of said at least two products;
5		providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two products;
6		determining if said selected one of said at least two products has been
7		purchased; and
8		providing an indication of a benefit if said selected one of said at least
9	bund	two products has been purchased.
1	₩ 41.	A method for enabling a purchase of a service, comprising:
2	Oh.	receiving an indication of a service category, said service category
3		including at least two services;
4		selecting one of said at least two services;
5	+	providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two services;
6		and
7		providing an indication of a benefit if said selected one of said at least
8		two products has been purchased.
1	42.	A method for enabling a purchase of a service, comprising:
2		receiving an indication of a service category, said service category
3		including at least two services;
4		selecting one of said at least two services;
5		providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two services;
6		determining if said selected one of said at least two services has been
7		purchased; and
8		providing an indication of a benefit if said selected one of said at least
9		two services has been purchased.
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1		43. A method for enabling a purchase of a product or service, comprising:
2		receiving an indication of a retailer category, said retailer category
3		including at least two retailers;
4		selecting one of said at least two retailers;
5		providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two retailers;
6		determining if a product or service has been purchased at said selected
7		one of said at least two retailers; and
8		providing an indication of a benefit if a product or service has been
9		purchased at said selected one of said at least two retailers.
1.		44. The method of claim 43, further comprising:
2 X	٢	providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two retailers.
D.	45.	The method of claim 43, further comprising:
2		receiving an indication of a purchase of a product or service at said
3		selected one of said at least two retailers.
1		46. The method of claim 43, further comprising:
2		receiving a customer identifier.
1	47.	The method of claim 43, further comprising:
2		receiving a payment identifier.
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1	48.	The method of claim 43, further comprising:
2		imposing a penalty if no purchase of a product or service is made at said
3		selected one of said at least two retailers.
1	49.	The method of claim 43, further comprising:
2		receiving an indication of a product category, said product category
3		including at least two products.
1	50.	The method of claim 49, further comprising:
2		selecting one of said at least two products; and
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3		providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two
4		products.
1	51. The	method of claim 50, wherein said providing an indication of a benefit occurs only
2		ed one of said at least two products has been purchased at said selected one of at
	least two sai	-
3	least two sai	d retailers.
1	52.	The method of claim 49, further comprising:
2		providing a benefit based on a purchase of a product or service at said
3		selected one of said at least two retailers.
1	53. The	method of claim 49, further comprising:
2	<u></u>	arranging for a benefit to be provided based on a purchase of a product
Ž,		or service at said selected one of said at least two retailers.
1	54.	A method for enabling a purchase of a product or service, comprising:
2		receiving an indication of a retailer category including at least two
3		retailers;
4		selecting one of said at least two retailers;
5		providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two retailer;
6		receiving an indication that a product or service has been purchased at
7		said selected one of said at least two retailers; and
8		providing an indication of a benefit if a product of service has been
9		purchased at said selected one of said at least two retailers.
1	55.	A method for enabling a purchase of a product, comprising:
2		receiving an indication of a product category, said product category
3		including at least/two products;
4		selecting one of said at least two products;
5		providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two products;
6		and
7		arranging to provide a benefit based on a purchase of said selected one

8		of said at least two products.
1	56.	A method for enabling a purchase of a product, comprising:
2		receiving an indication of a product category, said product category
3		including at least two products;
4		selecting one of said at least two products;
5		providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two products;
6		determining if said selected one of said at least two products has been
7		purchased; and
8		arranging to provide a benefit if said selected one of said at least two
9		products has been purchased.
1	57.	A method for enabling a purchase of a service, comprising:
2	. \	receiving an indication of a service category, said service category
3	Pw Ka	including at least two services;
4	oh,	selecting one of said at least two services;
5	V	providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two services;
6	•	and
7		arranging to provide a benefit based on a purchase of said selected one
8		of said at least two services.
1	58.	A method for enabling a purchase of a service, comprising:
2		receiving an indication of a service category, said service category
3		including at least two services;
4		selecting one of said at least two services;
5		providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two services;
6		determining if said selected one of said at least two services has been
7		purchased; and
8		arranging to provide a benefit if said selected one of said at least two
9		services has been purchased.
1	59.	A method for enabling a purchase of a product or service, comprising:

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2		receiving an indication of a retailer category including at least two
3		retailers;
4		selecting one of said at least two retailers;
5		providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two retailer;
6		determining if a product or service has been purchased at said selected
7		one of said at least two retailers; and
8		arranging to provide a benefit if a product of service has been purchased
9		at said selected one of said at least two retailers.
1	60.	A method for enabling a purchase of a product or service, comprising:
2		receiving an indication of a retailer category including at least two
3	,	retailers;
4	la di	selecting one of said at least two retailers;
5	Porka	providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two retailer;
6	C. P.	receiving an indication that a product or service has been purchased at
7		said selected one of said at least two retailers; and
8		arranging to provide a benefit if a product of service has been purchased
9		at said selected one of said at least two retailers.
1	61.	A method for enabling a purchase of a product, comprising:
2	01.	receiving an indication of a product category, said product category
3		including at least two products;
4		selecting one of said at least two products;
5		providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two products;
6		and
7		providing a benefit based on a purchase of said selected one of said at
8		least two products.
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1	62.	A method for enabling a purchase of a product, comprising:
2		receiving an indication of a product category, said product category
3		including at least two products;
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4		selecting one of said at least two products;
5		providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two products;
6		determining if said selected one of said at least two products has been
7		purchased; and
8		providing a benefit if said selected one of said at least two products has
9		been purchased.
1	63.	A method for enabling a purchase of a service, comprising:
2		receiving an indication of a service category, said service category
3		including at least two services;
4		selecting one of said at least two services;
5	, m \	providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two services;
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7	, W	providing a benefit based on a purchase of said selected one of said at
8	O p	least two services.
1	64.	A method for enabling a purchase of a service, comprising:
2	04.	receiving an indication of a service category, said service category
3		including at least two services;
4		selecting one of said at least two services;
5		providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two services;
6		determining if said selected one of said at least two services has been
7		purchased; and
: 8		providing a benefit if said selected one of said at least two services has
9		been purchased.
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1	65.	A method for purchasing a product, comprising:
2		providing an indication of a product category, said product category
3		including at least two products;
4		receiving an indication of a selected one of said at least two products;
5		and

6	•	receiving a benefit based on a purchase of said selected one of said at
7		least two products.
1	66.	A method for purchasing a product, comprising:
2		providing an indication of a product category, said product category
3		including at least two products;
4		receiving an indication of a selected one of said at least two products;
5		and /
6		receiving an indication of a benefit if said selected one of said at least
7		two products has been purchased.
1	67.	A method for purchasing a service, comprising:
2	. m	providing an indication of a service category, said service category
3	V ., y	including at least two services;
4	priz g	receiving an indication of a selected one of said at least two services; and
5	680	receiving a benefit based on a purchase of said selected one of said at
6		least two services.
1	68.	A method for purchasing a service, comprising:
2		providing an indication of a service category, said service category
3		including at least two services
4		receiving an indication of a selected one of said at least two services; and
5		receiving an indication of a benefit if said selected one of said at least
6		two services has been purchased.
1	69.	A system for selling a product or service, comprising:
2		a memory;
3		a communication port; and
4		a processor connected to said memory and said communication port, said
5		processor being operative to:
6		receive an indication of at least one of a product category
7		including at least two products or a service category including at least

8		t wo services; /
9		select one of said at least two products or said at least two
10		services;
11		provide an indication of said selected one of said at least two
12		products or said at least two services; and
13		arrange for a benefit to be provided based on a purchase of said
14		selected one of said at least two products or said at least two services.
1	70.	A computer readable medium, the computer readable medium storing a
2	computer pro	gram comprising:
3		computer readable means for receiving at least one indication of at
4		least one of a product category including at least two products or a service
5	in A	category including at least two services;
6	6 July	computer readable means for choosing one of said at least two products
7	"Mr	or said at least two services;
8	V	computer readable means for generating an indication of said selected
9		one of said at least two products or said at least two services; and
10		computer readable means for arranging for at least one benefit to be
11		provided based on a purchase of said selected one of said at least two products
12		or said at least two services.
1	71.	An apparatus for selling a product or service, comprising:
2		means for receiving an indication of at least one of a product category
3		including at least two products or a service category including at least two
4		services;
5		means for choosing one of said at least two products or said at least two
6		services;
7		means for generating an indication of said selected one of said at least
8		two products or said at least two services; and
9		means for arranging for at least one benefit to be provided based on a
10		purchase of said selected one of said at least two products or said at least two
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11		Services.
1	72.	An article of manufacture, comprising:
2		a computer usable medium having a computer readable program
3		means embodied therein for operating an information system, the computer
4		readable program means in said article of manufacture operable to:
5		receive an indication of at least one of a product category
6		including at least two products or a service category including at leas
7		two services;
8		select one of said at least two products or said at least two
9	•	services;
10	hm d	provide an indication of said selected one of said at least two
11	o hit o	products or said at least two services; and
12	o pro	arrange for a benefit to be provided based on a purchase of said
13	O	selected one of said at least two products or said at least two services.
1	73.	A system for selling a product or service, comprising:
2		a memory;
3		a communication port; and
4		a processor connected to said memory and said communication port, said
5		processor being operative to:
6		receive an indication of at least one of a product category
7		including at least two products or a service category including at leas
8		two services;
9		select one of said at least two products or said at least two
10		services;
11		provide an indication of said selected one of said at least two
12		products or said at least two services; and
13		provide an indication of a benefit based on a purchase of said
14		selected one of said at least two products or said at least two services.

1	74.	A computer readable medium, the computer readable medium storing a
2	computer pro	ogram comprising:
3		computer readable means for receiving at least one indication of a
4		product category including at least two products or a service category
5		including at least two services;
6		computer readable means for choosing one of said at least two products
7		or said at least two services;
8		computer readable means for generating an indication of said selected
9		one of said at least two products or said at least two services; and
10		computer readable means for providing an indication of at least one
11	hm d	benefit based on a purchase of said selected one of said at least two products or
12	Chr.	said at least two services.
1	75.	An apparatus for selling a product or service, comprising:
1 2	V 73.	means for receiving at least one indication of at least one of a product
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3		category including at least two products or a service category including at least
4		two services;
5 6		means for choosing one of said at least two products or said at least two
7		services; means for transmitting an indication of said selected one of said at least
8		two products or said at least two services; and
9		means for transmitting an indication of a benefit based on a purchase of
10		said selected one/of said at least two products or said at least two services.
10		said selected one of said at least two products of said at least two services.
1	76.	An article of manufacture, comprising:
2		a computer usable medium having a computer readable program
3		means embodied therein for operating an information system, the computer
4		readable program means in said article of manufacture operable to:
5		receive an indication of at least one of a product category
6		including at least two products or a service category including at least
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,	two services,
8	select one of said at least two products or said at least two
9	services;
10	provide an indication of said selected one of said at least two
11	products or said at least two services; and
12	provide an indication of a benefit based on a purchase of said
13	selected one of said at least two products or said at least two services.
1	A system for calling a new first or forming a
1	77. A system for selling a product or service, comprising:
. 2	a memory;
3 ·	a communication port; and
4	a processor connected to said memory and said communication port, said
5	processor being operative to:
6	receive an indication of at least one of a product category
7	including at least two products or a service category including at least
8	two services;
9	select one of said at least two products or said at least two
10	services;
11	provide an indication of said selected one of said at least two
12	products of said at least two services;
13	determine if said selected one of said at least two products or
14	said at least two services has been purchased; and
15 .	arrange for a benefit to be provided based on a purchase of said
16	selected one of said at least two products or said at least two services.
1	78. A computer readable medium, the computer readable medium storing a
2	computer program comprising:
3	computer readable means for receiving at least one indication of at
4	least one of a product category including at least two products or a service
5	category including at least two services;
6	computer readable means for choosing one of said at least two products
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7		or said at least two services;
8		computer readable means for transmitting an indication of said selected
9		one of said at least two products or said at least two services;
10		computer readable means for determining if said selected one of said at
11		least two products or said at least two services has been purchased; and
12		computer readable means for arranging for at least one benefit to be
13		provided based on a purchase of said selected one of said at least two products
14		or said at least two services.
1	79.	An apparatus for selling a product or service, comprising:
2	h" no	means for receiving at least one indication of at least one of a product
3	C_{1}	category including at least two products or a service category including at least
4	01/2	two services;
5	V	means for choosing one of said at least two products or said at least two
6		services;
7		means for transmitting an indication of said selected one of said at least
8		two products or said at least two services;
9		means for determining if said selected one of said at least two products
10		or said at least two services has been purchased; and
11		means for arranging for at least one benefit to be provided based on a
12		purchase of said selected one of said at least two products or said at least two
13	V -	services.
1	10 80.	An article of manufacture, comprising:
2	(P)	a computer usable medium having a computer readable program
3		means embodied therein for operating an information system, the computer
4		readable program means in said article of manufacture operable to:
5		receive an indication of at least one of product category including
6		at least two products or a service category including at least two services;
7		select one of said at least two products or said at least two
8		services;
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9	provide an indication of said selected one of said at least two
10	products or said at least two services;
11	determine if said selected one of said at least two products or
12	said at least two services has been purchased; and
13	arrange for a benefit to be provided based on a purchase of said
14	selected one of said at least two products or said at least two services.
1	81. A system for selling a product or service, comprising:
2	a memory;
3	a communication port; and
4	a processor connected to said memory and said communication port, said
5	processor being operative to:
6	receive an indication of a at least one of a product category
7	including at least two products or a service category including at least
8	two services;
9	select one of said at least two products or said at least two
10	services;
11	providing an indication of said selected one of said at least two products
12	or said at least two services;
13	determine if said selected one of said at least two products or
14	said at least two services has been purchased; and
15	provide an indication of a benefit if said selected one of said at
16	least two products or said at least two services has been purchased.
1	82. A computer readable medium, the computer readable medium storing a
2	computer program comprising:
3	computer readable means for receiving at least one indication of at
4	least one of a product category including at least two products or a service
5	category including at least two services;
6	computer readable means for choosing one of said at least two products
7	or said at least two services;



8		computer readable means for transmitting an indication of said selected
9		one of said at least two products or said at least two services;
10		computer readable means for determining if said selected one of said at
11		least two products or said at least two services has been purchased; and
12		computer readable means for transmitting an indication of a benefit if
13		said selected one of said at least two products or said at least two services has
14		been purchased.
1	83.	An apparatus for selling a product or service, comprising:
2		means for receiving at least one indication of at least one of a product
3		category including at least two products or a service category including at least
4		two services;
5		means for choosing one of said at least two products or said at least two
6		services;
7		means for transmitting an indication of said selected one of said at least
8		two products or said at least two services;
9		means for determining if said selected one of said at least two products
10		or said at least two services has been purchased; and
11		means for transmitting an indication of at least one benefit if said
12		selected one of said at least two products or said at least two services has been
13		purchased.
1	84.	An article of manufacture, comprising:
2		a computer usable medium having a computer readable program
3		means embodied therein for operating an information system, the computer
4		readable program means in said article of manufacture operable to:
5		receive an indication of at least one of a product category
6		including at least two products or a service category including at least
7		two services;
8		select one of said at least two products or said at least two
9		services;

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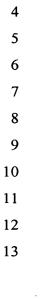
10		provide an indication of said selected one of said at least two
11		products or said at least two services;
12		determine if said selected one of said at least two products or
13		said at least two services has been purchased; and
14		provide an indication of a benefit if said selected one of said at
15		least two products or said at least two services has been purchased.
1	85.	A system for selling a product or service, comprising:
2		a memory;
3		a communication port; and
4		a processor connected to said memory and said communication port, said
5		processor being operative to:
6	/ \	receive an indication of a retailer category including at least two
7	\$ 5 x/g	retailers;
8	6,2 x/g	select one of said at least two retailers;
9	U	provide an indication of said selected one of said at least two
10		retailer;
11		determine if a product or service has been purchased at said
12		selected one of said at least two retailers; and
13		arrange to provide at least one benefit if a product of service has
14		been purchased at said selected one of said at least two retailers.
1	86.	A computer readable medium, the computer readable medium storing a
2	computer pro	ogram comprising:
3		computer readable means for receiving at least one indication of a
4		retailer category including at least two retailers;
5		computer readable means for choosing one of said at least two retailers;
6		computer readable means for transmitting an indication of said selected
7		one of said at least two retailer;
8		computer readable means for determining if a product or service has
9		been purchased at said selected one of said at least two retailers; and

	computer readable means for arranging to provide at least one benefit if
	a product of service has been purchased at said selected one of said at least two
	retailers.
87.	An apparatus for selling a product or service, comprising:
	means for receiving at least one indication of a retailer category
	including at least two retailers;
	means for choosing one of said at least two retailers;
	means for transmitting an indication of said selected one of said at least
	two retailer;
	means for determining if a product or service has been purchased at said
	selected one of said at least two retailers; and
)	means for arranging to provide at least one benefit if a product of service
	has been purchased at said selected one of said at least two retailers.
88.	An article of manufacture, comprising:
	a computer usable medium having a computer readable program
	means embodied therein for operating an information system, the computer
	readable program means in said article of manufacture operable to:
,	receive an indication of a retailer category including at least two
	retailers;
	select one of said at least two retailers;
	provide an indication of said selected one of said at least two
	retailer;
	determine if a product or service has been purchased at said
	selected one of said at least two retailers; and
	arrange to provide a benefit if a product of service has been
	purchased at said selected one of said at least two retailers.
39.	A system for selling a product or service, comprising:
	a memory;

3	a communication port; and
4	a processor connected to said memory and said communication port, sai
5	processor being operative to:
6	receive an indication of a retailer category including at least tw
7	retailers;
8	select one of said at least two retailers;
9	provide an indication of said selected one of said at least tw
10	retailer;
11	receive an indication that a product or service has bee
12	purchased at said selected one of said at least two retailers; and
13	arrange to provide a benefit if a product of service has bee
14	purchased at said selected one of said at least two retailers.
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1	90. A computer readable medium, the computer readable medium storing a
2	computer program comprising:
3	computer readable means for receiving at least one indication
4	of a retailer category including at least two retailers;
5	computer readable means for choosing one of said at least two
6	retailers;
7	computer readable means providing an indication of said selecte
8	one of said at least two retailer;
9	computer readable means for receiving at least one indication
10	that a product or service has been purchased at said selected one of said
11	at least two retailers; and
12	computer readable means for arranging to provide at least on
13	benefit if a product of service has been purchased at said selected one of
14	said at least two retailers.
1	91. An apparatus for selling a product or service, comprising:
2	méans for receiving an indication of a retailer category including at leas
3	two retailers;

. 4		means for choosing one of said at least two retailers;
5		means for transmitting an indication of said selected one of said at least
6		two retailer;
7		means for receiving an indication that a product or service has been
8		purchased at said selected one of said at least two retailers; and
9		means for arranging to provide at least one benefit if a product of service
10		has been purchased at said selected one of said at least two retailers.
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1	92.	An article of manufacture, comprising:
2		a computer usable medium/having a computer readable program
3		means embodied therein for operating an information system, the computer
4		readable program means in said article of manufacture operable to:
5		receive an indication of a retailer category including at least two
6	/ \	retailers;
7	of the	select one of said at least two retailers;
8	$\epsilon_{\nu} y$	provide an indication of said selected one of said at least two
9	18	retailer;
10	•	receive an indication that a product or service has been
11		purchased at said selected one of said at least two retailers; and
12		arrange to provide a benefit if a product of service has been
13		purchased at said selected one of said at least two retailers.
1	93.	A system for selling a product or service, comprising:
2		a memory;
3		a communication port; and
4		a processor connected to said memory and said communication port, said
5		processor being operative to:
6		receive an indication of a retailer category including at least two
7		retailers;
8		select one of said at least two retailers;
9		provide an indication of said selected one of said at least two

10		retailer;
11		receive an indication that a product or service has been
12		purchased at said selected one of said at least two retailers; and
13		provide an indication of a benefit if a product of service has been
14		purchased at said selected one of said at least two retailers.
1	94.	A computer readable medium, the computer readable medium storing a
2	computer pro	gram comprising:
3		computer readable means for receiving at least one indication of a
4		retailer category including at least two retailers;
5		computer readable means for choosing one of said at least two retailers;
6		computer readable means for transmitting an indication of said selected
7	/ .	one of said at least two retailer;
8	ps ~y	computer readable means for receiving an indication that a product or
9	e Ju	service has been purchased at said selected one of said at least two retailers; and
10		computer readable means for transmitting an indication of a benefit if a
11		product of service has been purchased at said selected one of said at least two
12		retailers.
1	95.	An apparatus for selling a product or service, comprising:
2		means for receiving an indication of a retailer category including at least
3		two retailers;
4		means for choosing one of said at least two retailers;
5		means for transmitting an indication of said selected one of said at least
6		two retailer;/
7		means for receiving an indication that a product or service has been
8		purchased at said selected one of said at least two retailers; and
9		means for transmitting an indication of a benefit if a product of service
10		has been purchased at said selected one of said at least two retailers.
1	96.	An article of manufacture, comprising:



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a computer usable medium having a computer readable program means embodied therein for operating an information system, the computer readable program means in said article of manufacture operable to:

receive an indication of a retailer category including at least two retailers;

select one of said at least two retailers;

purchased at said/selected one of said at least two retailers.

provide an indication of said selected one of said at least two retailer;

receive an indication that a product or service has been purchased at said selected one of said at least two retailers; and provide an indication of a benefit if a product of service has been